

## New Set Has Interesting Story

### Sailing Ship On Brazil's Newest

On May 10, Brazil's future naval officers completed a 13 month training tour which took them to numerous ports of the world. The cadets made their jaunt aboard the



Frigate Almirante Saldanha an imposing sailing ship patterned after those of the last century.

The ship is pictured on a 1.50c dark blue running the seas at full sail.

According to Manoel F. da Motta of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil the commem was printed on the new press which was purchased from a Swiss firm.

### Meager Plate Activity In April

New plate activity at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in the month of April was not too impressive. The 3c Presidential regular and the Aviation commem were the only items to have plate numbers assigned to them.

Those for the Presidential 3c regular, 400 subject plates, were numbered 24773-4-5-6-7-8-9-80.

Aviation 6c commem, 200 subject plates, numbered 24781-2-3-4-5-6.

Plates sent to press and printed from during April were:

Presidential 3c coil, 170 subject plates, numbered 24717-8.

Louisiana Purchase 3c commem, 200 subject plates, numbered 24767-8-9-70-71-72.

A quantity of Presidential low denomination plates were canceled from further use in April. These are:

Presidential 3c coil—24434-5.

Presidential 3c regular—24452-3, 24321, 24326, 24542, 24336-7-8-9, 24350-1.

Presidential 1½c coil—22238-9.

Presidential 2c regular—24306-7, 23984.

Presidential 1c coil—23839-40.

On all the above cancelled plates there was a sufficient number of impressions from each to forestall the possibility of any rarities occurring.

### Want Commem For Subway Opening

Canada's Postmaster General Alcide Cote has been on the receiving end of some legislative needling which urges him to produce a commemorative stamp marking the opening of the first subway transportation in Canada. This underground rail travel was built at Toronto and is to be put into operation in December.

To date Mr. Cote has been guilty of "ducking" any direct commitments on the matter. Members of Commons have pointed out to him that other means of transportation have been pictured on Canadian stamps—stagecoach, ship, train and airplane.

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### June Could Inspire A Wedding Stamp Collection

Clarence Swanson

When we think of the month of June most of us associate the month with weddings thus it seems appropriate to suggest a collection of wedding and wedding anniversary stamps as a possibility for a topical collection.

The first stamps that come to mind are the 138 issued in 1948 by Great Britain and various colonies to commemorate the Silver Wedding Anniversary of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. This issue with its high pound values is out of reach of many collectors but the 69 low values are well within the means of many.

Next on the list as I go through Book 1 of Scott's 1953 catalogue we find Egypt's wedding issues, which is quite a story and may not be ended yet. In 1938 Egypt issued a single stamp to commemorate the royal wedding of lovely Queen Farida and King Farouk.

However there were no male heirs from this marriage and the throne of Egypt requires a male heir. A divorce resulted and in 1951 King Farouk took a commoner Nairiman Sadek as a bride and a single stamp was issued to commemorate that marriage which took place May 6 of that year. A male heir resulted.

Now that marriage seems in difficulty but even if the marriage were dissolved a third bride of playboy Farouk would not be featured on the stamps of Egypt—but one can never tell.

Tonga No. 53 is next on the list. It was issued to commemorate the marriage of King George II to Princess Lavinia. This is all I find in Book One of the catalogue.

The old world with its monarchies are the source of nearly all wedding stamps so it is only natural that we find a greater number of such stamps in Volume Two of the catalogue.

First on the list we find Albania with its set of eight stamps and a souvenir sheet issued to commemorate the wedding April 27, 1938 of King Zog and Countess Geraldine Apponyi.

Another Balkan Country is next but the stamps issued came at an earlier date. In 1930 Bulgaria issued a set of four stamps each of a different denomination and color picturing Tsar Boris and Queen Ioanna. Special blocks consisting of four stamps one of each variety were printed and distributed to prominent people.

A set of three stamps each of a

different denomination and color was issued by Greece in 1938 in honor of the wedding of Princess Frederika and Crown Prince Paul.



Great Britain's was not the only colonial empire to issue wedding stamps. Earlier in 1930 Italy and her colonies issued sets of stamps to commemorate the marriage of Prince Humbert of Savoy and Princess Marie Jose of Belgium. This set served a dual purpose for several varieties of the set were semipostals with the surtax going to the Italian Red Cross Society. It seems odd that Scott lists these semipostal stamps as regular issues.

To Japan goes the honor of the first wedding commemorative stamp issued. In 1894 a set of two stamps commemorated the 25th wedding anniversary of Emperor Meiji and Empress Haru. It featured Cranes and the Imperial Crest. Several years later in 1900 a single commemorative picturing boxes for rice cakes and marriage certificates was issued in honor of the wedding of Crown Prince Yoshihito and Princess Sado-Ko.

Oddly enough neither of the wedding stamps of Japan picture the principals involved. In passing we point out that Japan issued the first 25th wedding anniversary stamp, the first marriage commemoratives and was the first country to issue two wedding stamps.

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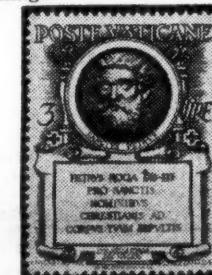
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"Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church; and to thee I will give the Keys to the Kingdom of heaven . . .". These words, spoken by Christ when he made Peter the head of His Church, are memorialized on the frieze around the dome and transepts of St. Peter's Basilica.

Peter, (derived from petra meaning rock) was originally called Simon who followed the life of a peaceful fisherman of Bethsaida. After the Crucifixion of Christ the Apostles spread to the far corners of the known world. Peter presided over the See of Antioch, where tradition claims he spent seven years.

About the year 42 he went to Rome where he was greeted by a small group of Christians. Peter spent twenty-two years in Rome spreading the Doctrine of Christ.

In the fateful month of July 64 AD, Rome burned. The mobs began to mutter the name of Nero and claimed he started the fires to satisfy his ruthless desires. Upon hearing this, Nero blamed the Christians for the burning of Rome and ordered the persecution of the band that followed Christ's teachings.



dirt in the excavating, one for each of the Apostles.

To Pope Sylvester I, fell the honor of consecrating the basilica. He is immortalized on the 12 Lire stamp with a sketch of the basilica as built by Constantine.

### Pope Julius II

In 1464 the basilica threatened to collapse. The reigning Pontiff, Nicholas V, decided to demolish it and build a new basilica over the tomb. He gave this task to Bernardo Rosellino who began the work. The first stone was laid during the Pontificate of Julius II. He employed Bramante to plan the basilica. Bramante's idea was to build it in the shape of a Greek cross and crown it with a dome.



This was very similar to the plans of Julius who wanted to crown Constantine's basilica with a Pantheon. For his part in laying the first stone on April 18, 1506, and supervising the construction until his death, Julius II is depicted on the 20 Lire value with a drawing of Bramante's design.

After Bramante's death the plan of the church was changed from the shape of a Greek cross to that of a Latin cross, back to a Greek cross, and again to a Latin Cross.

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Seemingly, the moderate weather has brought the Post Office Department's schedule of new airmail service to the highest pitch in months. Cities in the southwest are the next in line for June inaugurations most of them located in Texas and Arkansas.

There is also to be an inaugural in the east, but that one is to come without the usual application of a cachet.

Effective on or about June 9, air mail service will be inaugurated at Lancaster, Pa., and Philadelphia-Camden, Pa., over route A. M. 71.

No official cachet for first-flight covers will be authorized. However, souvenir covers received by the postmasters at these points, will be dispatched to first flights, if practicable.

Effective on or about June 16 airmail service will be inaugurated over segment 7 of route A. M. 82 from the terminal point Dallas, Tex., the intermediate points Tyler, Tex., Texarkana, Tex.-Ark., Hot Springs, Little Rock, and Pine Bluff, Ark., and (a) beyond Pine Bluff, Ark., the intermediate points Stuttgart and Helena, Ark., and the terminal point Memphis, Tenn., and (b) beyond Pine Bluff, Ark., the intermediate points Camden, El Dorado, and Magnolia, Ark., and the terminal point Shreveport, La.

Service at Magnolia, Ark., will not be inaugurated at this time. Appropriate announcement will be made when service is inaugurated at this point.

No philatelic covers should be sent to the postmaster at Magnolia until such time as formal announcement is made of inauguration of service at this point.

Special cachets will be provided for each stop point listed above, with the exception of Magnolia, Ark., and for the Air Mail Fields, Dallas, Tex., and Memphis, Tenn. The usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

First-flight covers sent to the postmasters at Dallas, Tex., Tyler, Tex., Texarkana, Tex.-Ark., Hot Springs, Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Stuttgart, Helena, Camden, and El Dorado, Ark., Memphis, Tenn., Shreveport, La., and to the District Superintendents, Postal Transportation Service, District 11, Dallas 1, Tex., and District 3, Memphis 1, Tenn., for dispatch from the Air Mail Fields, Dallas and Memphis, respectively, must be prepaid at the appropriate airmail postage rate.

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Women in various occupations are shown on a semipostal set issued by Turkey in 1935.

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All items are carefully described and priced and each face different sheet is illustrated. There are more than 150 illustrations in the book of which some 130 are new this year.

A portion of the considerable expense involved in this replacement program was borne by proceeds from a legacy bequeathed to the society by the late Dr. Robert Paganini of Zweissimmen, Switzerland. The 1953 Edition has been dedicated to Dr. Paganini in recognition of his tireless efforts in the study and documentation of airmail material.

The present edition follows two previous complete catalogues (1949 and 1951) as well as the original listing which appeared as a section of Volume I of the Large American Air Mail Catalogue. A supplement to the 1951 Edition appeared in 1952. The present edition is again a complete Catalogue in itself—not a supplement.

Users will be pleased to note that the FORCES and INLAND letters and OFFICIAL sheets previously segregated in Section II have now been incorporated chronologically in the main body of the catalogue. An innovation which will particularly appeal to collectors is a group of illustrations detailing the various types and styles of sheet folds which have been utilized by various countries. A reference to the type of fold is included with each individual listing. These drawings were executed by F. W. Kessler, one of the editors.

The book has been produced by an editorial board headed by L. B. Gatchell, editor of publications for the American Air Mail Society. Also included are Harold G. Fisher, Walter R. Guthrie, Sam Hantman, Gordon F. Johnson, F. W. Kessler, George D. Kingdom, Barry M. Kostenko, Robert J. Lyon, Ian C. Morgan, Richard L. Singley, and Jules L. Wacht.

The price of the book is \$2.50 post free. It may be ordered from most dealers or direct from the American Air Mail Society, P.O. Box 519, Albion, Pa.

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A special piece of postal stationery was issued in Italy to mark the European Philatelic Exposition held in Venice from May 7 to May 17, according to P. Ostrow.

The card bears an imprinted 20 lire stamp in blue green, of entirely new design—a "crowned Italia" facing left, in simple and attractive format. At the left of the card is a reproduction of the arms of Venice, as taken from the old Venetian letter sheets, with the inscription "ESPOSIZIONE FILATELICA EUROPEA."

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It is titled, "Catalogo Specializzato dei Francobolli Emissi nel Territorio Libero di Trieste Zone A & B". This 1953 edition covers the period from 1942 to 1953 inclusive.

All the stamps and their overprints are illustrated with many and clear reproductions. Whatever varieties there are, the first days of issue and other pertinent information is included for each single or set.

There are 46 pages bound between light card covers. All text is in the Italian language.

## Another Regular Soon For Australia

Another definitive with a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II is due for release on June 17 according to Postmaster General Anthony of Australia.

It will be a 3d in green the same size and design as the recently issued 3 1/2d red of April 21. While it is intended to replace the like denomination which pictured her father King George VI both will be sold at the same time until the King stamp is exhausted.

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**AUSTRALIA.** All recently issued stamps of Australia look good. Things have been moving so rapidly philatelically, that many collectors missed some of these stamps which were available at low prices when issued. Prices for these stamps advance rapidly when they are superceded.

In September, Australia will issue three postage stamps to commemorate the sesquicentenary of the settlement of Tasmania. There will be two 3½ pence designs and a two shilling design. The 3½ pence stamp will be of small size and will be issued as a pair within the same sheet. They will portray Lieutenants Collins and Paterson. The two shilling stamp will be of double size and will depict a view of Sullivan Cove, Hobart.

The Postmaster General states that the decision to issue the two 3½ pence stamps as pairs on the same sheet was not intended as a gesture to collectors, but, as heretofore, to facilitate production.

It is also announced that the three Australian Coronation stamps will be on sale for approximately two months.

**NORFOLK ISLAND.** It is officially announced that the six new stamps scheduled for release on June 10 will be in addition to the twelve current stamps, so that there will be 17 stamps in the complete series.

This small island of less than 14 square miles and a 1947 population of less than 1,000, hardly requires 17 different values of postage stamps to take care of its postal needs. They are evidently issued chiefly to gather dollars from collectors.

**ST. LUCIA.** W. E. Fyndem in Stamp Collecting (London) says that the 1951 Castries Reconstruction Fund stamp, #151, is a "buy at best" item. With only 137,343 copies issued for a popular colony like St. Lucia, supplies have been absorbed and this stamp is in demand and now scarce.

**GREAT BRITAIN.** The 1939 one Pound stamp #209 is scarcer than the Scott catalogue price of \$3.25 would indicate. In London the demand decreased for a time, as a result of release of these stamps held by speculators and the Gibbons price is now 12 Pounds.

This surplus has been absorbed and this stamp should be worth buying at today's price.

**SAMOA.** The 1935 pictorial set, No. 166-174 is in demand and should be bought while still at or near new issue prices. This set is getting quite scarce and a sub-

stantial increase in price can be expected.

**SOUTHERN RHODESIA.** The three pence Victory stamp #69 is in very short supply and many collectors are buying the set of four stamps in order to obtain this three pence item, which is popular, probably due to the fact that it has a large portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, as Princess.

This set is now available at around 20c mint and can be expected to advance.

## New Issue Of Brazil Regulars

A new definitive series of postage stamps is in the making for release December 13 advises Manoel F. da Motta of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Designs are to picture maritime and fluvial navigation, and the portraits of naval heroes of Brazil.

An open competition for the preparation of satisfactory artwork to grace these regulars was announced by the postal administration. Eight will picture respectively a

caravel, canoe, raft, unloading boat paddle steamer, merchant ship, training ship and warship. Naval heroes are to be shown on four.

Brazil's new stamp printing press is to be used for these and most of the six colors it is capable of printing at one time are expected to be found on the new issue.

On July 13 a 60c commem is expected for the 10th International Congress which will be held at Rio de Janeiro from that date to the 17th.

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## New Blood Needed

We find in the May number of Stamp Collecting, one of the leading British Philatelic Journals, a complaint similar to what has often been voiced in this country with relation to our postage stamp designs.



GEORGE W. LINN

It might be best to quote this item from Stamp Collecting so that you can have it in the words of the writer and not in any choice of words that we might use if we try to explain just what has been said, so here is the item.

**"Bring on the Designers"** "The article on the new Bermuda designs printed elsewhere in this issue forcibly reminds us that there is much hidden talent which colonial governments have hitherto neglected in their search for stamp designs. Inevitably—and how obvious it is in the case of British stamp design—when designs are invited from a small band of well-tried artists the results have a sameness about them. The artists are, perhaps, both tried and tired. Fresh ideas in layout and treatment do not come readily to craftsmen drilled to a certain school of art. New work by new artists cannot fail to bring a freshness of approach to the problems which admittedly surround the designing of a stamp. Few forms of art require that the finished product shall be pleasing and intelligible within the small compass of a square inch or so of paper. Let us have more open competitions like those recently held for new stamps of Bermuda, Kenya and Solomon Islands."

We can not of course quote in full the article on the new Bermuda stamp designs referred to in the above paragraph, suffice to say most students of stamps know of the competition that was held for new stamp designs for Bermuda for much has already been printed on this subject. The point is that the British like ourselves have become fed up by the sameness in stamp design that has been due wholly to the fact, as pointed out in this article, that—"when designs are invited from a small band of well-tried artists the results have a sameness about them. The artists are, perhaps, both tried and tired. Fresh ideas in layout and treatment do not come readily to craftsmen drilled to a certain school of art."

There have been times when criticism of our own stamp designs have been voiced over here and although perhaps not said in such a naive way, the facts are just as apparent.

Stamp designing has seen great changes in the past few years.

There is ample reason for this change and the need for change. Perhaps one thing that has brought about the change more than anything else has been the progress in the art of printing rather than in designing. With the modern printing methods it has become possible to use designs and produce colorful stamps that are unlike anything

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in the past. Many designs which would be almost prohibitive in fine engraving are now produced by new printing methods that permit work that could not be readily produced from engraved plates. Much of this work is very beautiful and wise Postmaster Generals have seen the possibilities of catering to—shall we say the stamp collecting hobby—for the greater sale of their postage stamps. Blame it on collectors if you will, but it is a fact we can not get around.

Steel engraving has its limitations. True, some of the world's most beautiful stamps are the early engraved issues. But even these can not compete in eye appeal with modern printing methods and that fact alone has a great bearing on stamp designing.

In our own Bureau at Washington we have been plagued in the past by that same . . . "small band of well-tried artists". We have engravers who specialize in the lettering, others in certain particular parts of the design. For many years we had an engraver whose specialty was acanthus leaves. For years back you can find the acanthus leaf worked into our stamp designs. This motif must have been inherited from the American Bank Note Company for we can trace it back to those days.

What is needed most is new ideas, originality, something different, something modern and in keeping with today.

Our Presidential issue was a bold step away from designs of the past. The stamps were the result of a nation wide competition and they have served well and pleasantly for about fifteen years. In a few more years they will have set an all time record for a single issue of stamps. The designs are pleasing, they are different than anything in the past and different than anything that has come since, for after that one trial with outside designers we have dropped back to the same "well-tried artists" of the past.

So like the British we can only say, "let us have more competitions . . . for new stamps."

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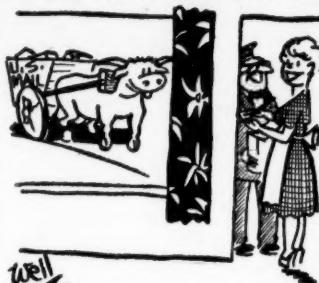
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## Statistics About Recent Vaticans

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In the upper right corner of each sheet appears a description translated to read "A sheet of 60 stamps value 900 Lire/2100 Lire". This tab occupies a space equivalent to four stamps and to date is the only Vatican issue to appear this way. The printing was made on paper watermarked with Crossed Keys at the State Printing Office in Rome. The designer is new to philately, Casimira Dabrowska.

April 23, 1953, the new series of regular issues made its debut and officially called, "The Popes of the Vatican Basilica". The stamps were printed from engraved plates in sheets of 40 stamps on paper watermarked with Crossed Keys at the State Printing Office in Rome. The entire set was designed by Professor Corrado Mezzana just before his death last fall.

The engraving was done for the 3, 10, 60, 65, and 50 Lire special delivery by V. Nicastro, Inc.; the 5 and 65 Lire regulars and the 85L. special delivery were done by T. Cionini, Inc.; the 12 and 25 Lire values by S. Vana, Inc.; the 20 and 35 Lire stamps by M. Colombati, Inc.; and the 45 Lire value by F. Pagani, Inc.

The final date of validity has not been announced at this time for either of these two issues, according to William Wonneberger, Jr. of Bridgeport, Conn.

The Vatican Postal Administration advises that a set of two airmail stamps is "under study". The probable values will be 300 and 500 Lire to replace the Gratianus airmail invalidated on December 31, 1952.

## Open Three Post Offices In Israel

Three new Israeli post office openings and one commemorative cathe are recorded by P. Ostrow, Elizabeth, N. J. The new post offices are Quiryat Hayim (in honor of Hayim Arlosoroff) — March 3, 1953; Quiryat Bialik (in honor of Hayim Nachman Bialik) — April 15, 1953, and Aslona — May 3, 1953. The new commemorative postmark honors the Histadrut, Israel's Socialist but anti-communist Labor movement. It was placed in use on May 3 at Raanana and incorporates into the postmark a sketch of the new Histadrut building there.

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How many people know that Buckingham Palace, the huge official residence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, has its own post office? It is in front of the palace; a low building, set back behind pillars at the far left-hand corner.

It is quite an ordinary post office with counters, clerks, telephonists, teleprinter operators and men who code and decode the messages that flow to and from all parts of the Commonwealth.

The general public cannot use it but it is extremely busy nevertheless, dealing with an enormous amount of correspondence of every kind. Messengers, footmen, clerks and secretaries from the offices up and down the six-hundred-roomed palace come in a steady stream to hand piles of letters over the counter.

Soldiers may be seen there sometimes because their guard room is next door and they are allowed to use the post office to buy their stamps and postal orders when they are on duty at the palace.

When the morning post arrives from the sorting office the letters, packets and parcels are sorted again. Footmen or pages take the mail to the various offices the Queen's private secretary's, the press secretary's, the master of the household's and many more. Other mail has to be sent on in special bags to Windsor, Balmoral or other residences when some number of the royal family is away. The Court Postmaster is unusually busy nowadays because two complete households live in Buckingham Palace, the Queen's and the Queen Mother's, and the Duke of Edinburgh has his own staff too.

Apart from this routine business his responsibilities include the teleprinters connecting Windsor, Balmoral and Sandringham with Buckingham Palace, and the big telephone switchboard with 180 extensions, which is in addition to the palace's many internal telephones with their miles of wiring.

Much of the palace telephone system has recently been thoroughly modernized for the Queen, her husband and their staffs use the telephone much more than the late King did.

Busy as the Buckingham palace post office usually is, at the time of the coronation, and weeks before, the staff was snowed under with mountains of mail and other communications and packages.

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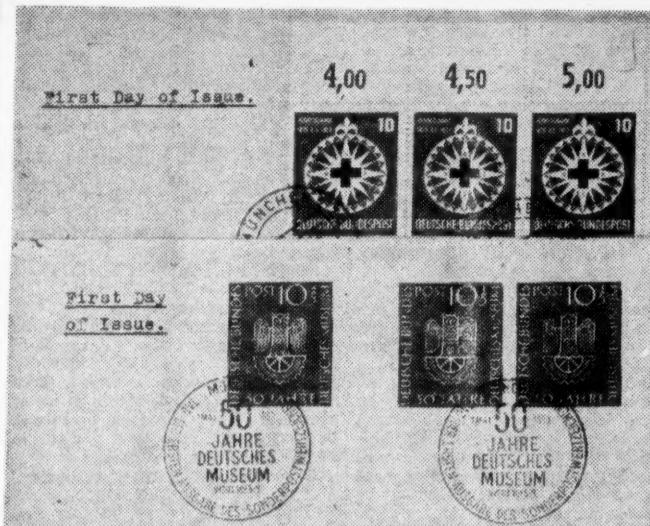
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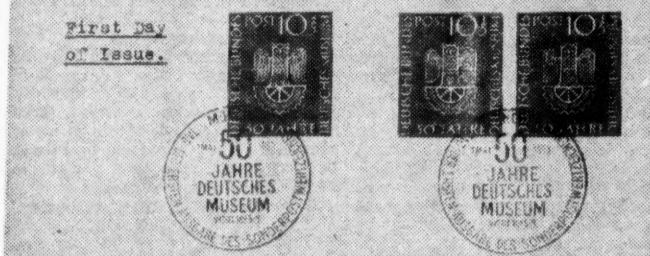
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### Artist, Navigator On New Airmails

Spain only printed so many of the 1947 airmails, Scott Nos. C123-4, and now since they have all been sold they will be replaced in late June or early July with corresponding denominations of 25 and 50 Pesetas. The new ones will be in the same vertical format but will have different portraits.

The coming 50Pts. will bear a portrait of the great painter Joaquin Sorolla, while the 25Pts. pictures Miguel Legazpi, navigator and conqueror of the Philippines.

Sorolla gained his fame with pictures full of brightness, a number of them being of scenes of fisher folk and children playing on the Mediterranean seashore near his native Valencia. He also obtained a measure of fame with his portrait work.

One of his paintings can be seen on postal tax stamps of 1951, Scott Nos. RA 32-3, showing children at the seashore. The new stamp's portrait of Sorolla is from one he executed of himself.

Sorolla was born at Valencia February 27, 1863 and died March 11, 1923 in Cercedilla near Madrid.

While the 25Pts. will bring Legazpi again to the gallery of philatelic portraiture, the stamp will also be a tribute to the recent postal convention of Spain and the Philippines.

Legazpi was born in the early years of the 16th century at Zumarraga in the "vasconian" province in the north. The western world, known for less than fifty years at that time, intrigued him to the extent that in 1545 he was with an expedition to Mexico. He served as "escribano mayor" in the cabildo of the capital city.

His expedition of conquest to the Philippines was begun on November 21, 1563 when four ships under his command left Spain. On the way a stop-over was made at the Marshall Islands (the Ladrones, Spanish for robber, so named by Magellan in 1521 after dealings with the light-fingered natives). These were claimed for Spain.

Arrival in the Philippines occurred on February 13, 1564. By 1570 he had founded and built Manila, and in 1572 he was felled by a stroke of apoplexy.

Carlos Lenz, Barquillo 29, Madrid, Spain who supplied the information above advises that if collectors were a bit suspicious that an error had been made in the printing of the recent Spanish Sahara Geographical Congress issue, they were well founded.

The error was one of manufacture and all stamps are alike so no varieties are the result. The design has the form of a photographic negative. It was not intended to be that way. When the process was being carried out for the making of the plate at the Casa de Moneda the transfer of the negative to the positive plate was forgotten. After this sin of commission was discovered it was too late to do anything about it.

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For the next issue we travel to the small principality of Liechtenstein where we find an attractive set of three stamps issued in 1943 to commemorate the marriage of Franz Joseph II and Countess Georgina van Wilczek.



Last on the list we have Persia or Iran as it is now known and the story here is parallel to that of Egypt in part and a story of relations. In 1939 a set of five stamps was issued in honor of the wedding of Crown Prince Mohammed Riza Pahlavi to Princess Fawzia of Egypt. As in Egypt when Farouk divorced Farida of Iran the Crown Prince divorced Fawzia of Egypt. We must remember that many of these royal marriages are not the result of love but rather political marriages. Subsequently Riza Pahlavi remarried in 1951 and a set of six stamps was issued in honor of the wedding picturing him and his new bride Soraya Esfandiari.

In addition to the marriage and anniversary stamps there are some symbolic stamps that could be included in the collection such as Montenegro OS8 portraying a Moslem wedding procession, Norway A33 representing King Olaf sailing in a wedding procession of ships and Japan A80 showing the wedded rocks. Such a collection could be further broadened by including stamps of couples and family stamps showing families as a group or individually. Thus we find that wedding stamps have interesting possibilities for a topical collection.

### EXHIBITION DATES

June 6-7—Four-State Philatelic Exhibition, YMCA, Joplin, Mo.  
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Dr. Sternberg, the most distinguished alumnus of Hartwick, in 1900 initiated the campaign in Cuba to find the cause of yellow fever, the scourge which had caused more loss of life during the Spanish-American War than the fighting. During his administration he brought into being the Army Nurse Corps, the Army Medical Corps and the Army Dental Corps. He was the author of the first great textbook on Bacteriology to appear in this country.

Recently, a companion portrait depicting Nurse Clara Louise Maass (1876-1910) who graduated in 1895 from the Lutheran Memorial Hospital in Newark, N. J.

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(now Clara Maass Memorial Hospital) was presented to Upsala College in East Orange, N.J., place of her birth. It is the work of artist Zeno Spence of Goldsboro, N. C., and the gift of Dr. Edward A. Hudson, research consultant of North Carolina State College.

The names of both Nurse Maass and Doctor Sternberg are under consideration by the Post Office Department as subjects for future emissions of U. S. postage stamps. A Nurse Maass commemorative stamp appeared in Cuba in 1951 and the U. S. State Department was at that time requested by the Cuban government to issue a similar stamp.

The American Nurses Association desires the stamp, honoring Nurse Maass as a "symbol of the American nurse in peace and in war".

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## Colonel Lagerloef and Liberia.

Away back in 1932 I sat in a London auction room and watched languidly as Mr. H. R. Harmer got around to the Liberian section of the Arthur Hind collection. They were there, not only in singles but also in sheets, a colorful maze of varied overprints that made no impression whatsoever on this inexperienced onlooker but seemed to excite a sizeable number of up to then equally languid Englishmen to such furious bidding that one couldn't help wondering what it was all about!

The years brought experience and also an exceedingly healthy respect for most Liberia provincial. They never again were available in sheets and few were the singles that came along until opening the part II catalog of the Lagerloef Sale, once again H. R. Harmer—it suddenly dawned here was a second opportunity after some 21 years. Distance, (4000 miles, round trip Winnipeg to New York) was a minor matter, competition was something else again but still I managed to get a good share of the sheets plus many of the singles, enough probably to make up 50 collections which I'll be offering at \$30.00 apiece. The sheets are of course broken up into singles so as to go around.

Let me send you one \$30.00 lot for inspection along with various observations as to what it is that makes these stamps so exciting that such great collectors as Ferrari, Arthur Hind and Col. Hans Lagerloef went after them in sheets. Knowing how good these are, I more than suspect that Hind got all his when the Ferrari collection was broken up and the ones Lagerloef had came mostly from the Hind Sale!

## THE LAGERLOEF ALBUMS

While the purchase of Liberia was the main reason for attending the Lagerloef Sale, one couldn't help at once noticing the various collections, either remainders or completely intact in the beautiful leather bound Lagerloef Albums.

Due to limitations of space the auctioneers could hardly go into sufficient details but to my mind had it been possible somehow for say a thousand collectors to attend a great many auction sales over the past 30 years but have never seen anything to equal such a wealth of specialized collections. Mr. Lagerloef gave detailed attention to all countries, no matter how obscure and it is a marvel where in the world he managed to dig up all the stamps. Take for example Mozambique Co. or Nyassa. Each has hundreds of specimens, but like all the collections, there is nothing superfluous, everything has a place, mint and used, special cancellations of every type, covers to point out varied use, varieties minor and major and errors listed and unlisted, are all there in profusion.

Truly each specialized collection in its album or albums is a delight to the eye and each represents a lifetime of work accumulating the specimens. Knowing that my customers would be more than pleased to get a chance at such incomparable collections, I went most strongly after all the albums and out of some 250 in the second and final half of the Lagerloef Sale must have purchased at least 125 of them. These will be offered intact. Some of the countries covered are; most French Colonies, including Lebanon and Syria, various Portuguese Colonies including the mentioned Mozambique and Nyassa collections, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Russia, Dutch Indies, etc., etc. Inquiries invited. Prices are quite reasonable.

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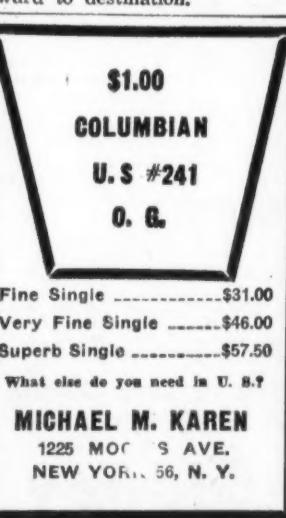
Last year there passed away a gentleman and a collector that Canadian philately could ill afford to lose. I met the late H. L. Warren of Magog, Quebec at the Canadian Centennial Exhibition in 1951 and like every one else who had the pleasure of meeting this fine old gentleman could not help but be impressed with his buoyant outlook on life and the fun and enjoyment he got out of handling stamps.

He favored Canadian Plate Blocks above all else, in fact was one of the first to realize what a beautiful specialty this was. He went after these on such a scale that it is all rather unbelievable; merely to get the plate blocks, he certainly bought more Canadian stamps on net value basis than anyone else in philatelic history and this includes such redoubtable buyers as the late Dr. Reed.

I have just purchased this plate block accumulation from the estate of H. L. Warren and will shortly be sending out selections to my customers. It is interesting to note the present status of this stock. It is the world's largest by far, but so vast has been the increase in collectors of Canadian plate blocks that large as this stock is, it will last me barely one month. I would be more than delighted to hear from any would be sellers and will purchase any size lot offered no matter how small or large.

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**VATICAN DEFINITIVES**  
(Continued from page 1)**Pope Paul III**

The next Pope who played a prominent part in the building of St. Peter's was Paul III. Pope Paul III has already become familiar to philatelists for his part in calling the Council of Trent and subsequent portrayal on the 10 Lire stamp of the Council of Trent series.



He entrusted the work to the aged Michelangelo. This genius undertook the task in his 72nd year and refused all offers of pay for his work. He reverted to the original plan of the design of the Greek Cross. Michelangelo enlarged the tribune, strengthened the piers of the dome, redesigned the chapels and apse, and designed the great crowning dome. To this day the dome is referred to as "Michelangelo's Dome".

The great genius left this world in 1564 with only the drum of the dome finished. Pope Paul III is honored on the 25 Lire stamp together with a view of the Apse (rear) of the Basilica.

**Pope Sixtus V**

The dome of the basilica was finished in 1590. The actual time of the building of the dome is disputed, some claim it took two years while others claim ten years elapsed before its completion.



The cost is also disputed. Some claim 200,000 gold scudi while others place it as high as 1,000,000. One thing is certain though, it was a marvelous feat of engineering. It took 600 workmen, skilled in their trade, laboring day and

night to finish it. The supplying of the materials to the workmen was a feat in itself. All supplies had to be raised 400 feet by crudely designed implements.

Pope Sixtus V is shown on the 35 Lire value together with a picture of the dome completed in his reign.

**Pope Paul V**

During the first year of the Pontificate of Pope Paul V (1605), the form of a Latin Cross was again adopted. Paul V wanted to cover the entire area occupied by the basilica and planned to do so with the longer arm of the Latin cross.

Carlo Maderno was now the architect in chief. He finished demolishing the rest of Constantine's basilica to make room for the longer nave and the partition wall was knocked down.



Under Maderno's direction the facade of the church was built. The facade is 369 feet long and 145 feet high. The top is crowned with 18 foot statues of Our Lord and the twelve Apostles.

Pope V was honored by the frieze that appears over the arch leading to the Vatican grounds (this arch is part of the facade). It is inscribed "In honorem Principis Apost. Paulus V Burgesius Romanus Pont. Max. AN. MDCCXII Pont. VII". This in English reads "In honor of the Prince of the Apostles, Paulus V. Burgesius, Roman Pontiff Maximus, in the year 1612, the 7th of his Pontificate". He is further honored by the 45 Lire stamp that bears his portrait along with a view of the facade.

**Pope Urban VIII**

During the reign of Pope Urban VIII the baldacchino was built over the tomb of St. Peter. The baldacchino rises one hundred feet above the Altar of the Confession and weighs 93 tons. In front of the altar is a sunken oval space with a marble balustrade. The altar itself is reserved for saying Mass by the Pope only. He reads the Mass while facing the congregation.

But the erection of the baldacchino canopy was not the most important part Urban VIII played

in the history of the basilica. Maderno had finished the basilica, and the Pope solemnly consecrated it on November 18, 1626.



only one row is there.

For his contribution of St. Peter's Square to the basilica, Pope Alexander VII is shown on the 65 Lire value with a section of one of the colonnades.

**Pope Pius VI**

When Pius VI assumed the responsibilities of the Papal Throne the basilica proper and its square were finished. Wishing to add to the church he set about to build the sacristy. It is a building in itself but attached to the basilica proper by means of two passageways.



Urban VIII is remembered for his role in building the basilica, on the 60 Lire value. Below the likeness of this Pope is a view of the baldacchino and the Altar of the Confession.

**Pope Alexander VII**

While Alexander VII was the reigning Pontiff, Giovanni Bernini was engaged to build the impressive colonnades. These two rows of columns are really the vestibule of St. Peter's. The colonnades are keyhole in shape, somewhat circular as you enter the square and then straighten out when you reach the basilica. They are purely ornamental and serve no positive need.



Under Maderno's direction the facade of the church was built. The facade is 369 feet long and 145 feet high. The top is crowned with 18 foot statues of Our Lord and the twelve Apostles.

Each of the colonnades are 64 feet high and 61 feet wide. Between the two colonnades one can count 284 columns arranged in four rows. The spaces between the columns form three covered arcades with the center one in each colonnade wide enough to accommodate two automobiles driving abreast.

Atop the rows of columns are 162 statues 11 feet tall. The colonnades form the border of the Square of St. Peter. The square is 1,110 feet long and 786 feet wide.

In the center is the obelisk raised in 1586 by Pope Sixtus V (35 Lire Stamp) flanked by two fountains. Alongside the fountains are two red and white discs. When you stand on the discs the columns arranged in four rows are so placed that it seems as if

The sacristy is located about the middle of the left side of the church and consists of four large rooms. Some of the art treasures found among them are the fluted pillars from the villa of the pagan emperor Hadrian, the vestment worn by Charlemagne when he was crowned the first Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Leo III, three rows of candlesticks and candelabra, many chalices and ciboriums.

To commemorate the erection of this addition, Pope Pius VI is depicted on the 100 Lire value over a view of the sacristy and the connecting passageway to the basilica.

**Pope Pius XII**

Pope Pius XII, the reigning Pope and 262nd successor of St. Peter, is portrayed on the 5 Lire regular stamp and the 85 Lire special delivery.



Pius XII contributed to the basilica by his great and active excavations below the church. These excavations have unearthed many startling discoveries hitherto un-

known to the world. These diggings underneath the basilica are known as the Sacred Grottoes.

A visit to the Grottoes finds a sort of a basilica with a nave and two aisles artificially illuminated with great skill. The Grottoes have served as a burial place for Popes, Cardinals, and Sovereigns. They are now adorned with statues of personages of fame, chancery, and the life and history of the Popes buried there.

The new diggings by Pius XII have practically doubled the size of the Grottoes as they appeared during the reign of his predecessor, Pope Pius XI.

**Dealer ★  
★ Doings**

Charles J. Pierce, operator of the Oshkosh Cover Service, 330 Main St., Oshkosh, Wis. advises that he is going to take a long overdue vacation in July to the west coast. All clients will get their covers as usual for any events during July, while in August, when he is back on the job he will handle any special orders which have accumulated.

George M. Hammond, P. O. Box 362, Hornell, N. Y. informs his friends and customers via his house organ, which is free to others for the asking, they have a new "hinge lifter" in the family, Jean Marie, born April 9. This is the third girl for the Hammonds. The aforesaid house organ carries various offers of U. S. and foreign first day covers.

A rather comprehensive price list of USED United States stamps is available from Cleveland Cady, Tenafly, N. J. for a 3c stamp. Offerings begin with No. 1 and are to date. Included are Confederates, revenues, Canal Zone and Cuba plus the usual U. S. categories. Mr. Cady also has a list of space fillers, items which have defects but look nice.

The May 1953 edition of Gimbel's Stamp News, published by Jacques Minkus, Gimbel's Stamp Department, 33rd St. & Broadway, New York 1, N. Y. features coronation material and stamps which picture Queen Elizabeth II. Also given a big play are United States, Germany, some British Colonials, Religion on Stamps, and a sizeable list of stamps in packets.

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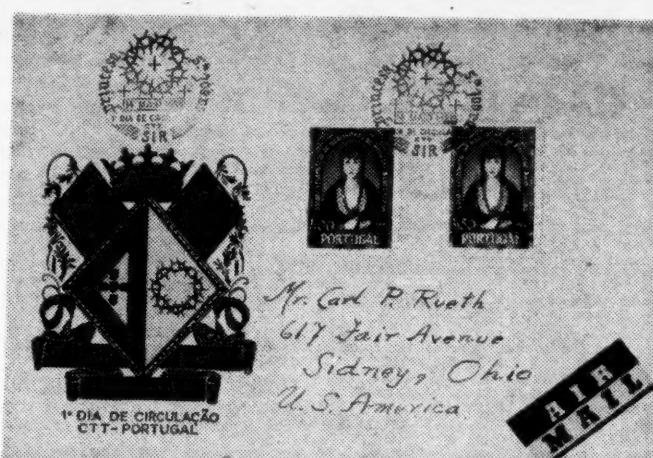
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**BULGARIA** — On April 28, two stamps were issued in honor of Karl Marx. One, a 16c blue, features a portrait of Marx and the second, a 44s, brown, shows a book he wrote.

**CEYLON** — This country has issued a 5c green stamp to mark the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. It is a small size stamp and features a full face portrait of Queen Elizabeth II wearing the Victoria Crown.

**ETHIOPIA** — Expected to be released shortly by this country is a 15c postage stamp and two new air letter sheets of 25c and 50c denominations.

**FINLAND** — From the Director General of Posts of this country comes the information that on June 20 a 25mk adhesive is to be issued in commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the City of Hamina. The stamp was designed by Signe Hammarsten-Jansson and engraved by B. Ekholm.

**GERMANY — East Zone** — An 80 pfz adhesive in scarlet, featuring a portrait of Ernst Thalmann, has appeared.

**GERMANY — West Zone** — A 10 pfz Red Cross stamp has been issued. A red cross appears in the center of a white compass, with a green background. In the upper left hand corner of the stamps the following inscription appears: "Henri Dunant 1828 8.5.1953."

A 10 plus 5pfz green stamp was issued to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the German Museum.

**GIBRALTAR** — According to the Crown Agents for the Colonies a new definitive set has been ordered from De La Rue & Company. The design of each stamp will include a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II.

The values and colors are: 1/2 pence indigo and green, Cargo and Passenger Wharves; 1d green, south view from Straits; 1 1/2d gray, tuna fishing industry; 2d sepia, Southport Gate; 2 1/2d red, sailing in the Bay; 3d blue, ocean going liner; 4d ultramarine, coaling wharf; 5d brown and purple, airport; 6d light blue and gray, Europa Point; 1 shilling blue and brown, Straits from Buena Vista; 2s orange and violet, Rosia Bay and Straits; 5s purple and brown, Government House; 10s brown and blue, Moorish, Castle and £1 yellow and red, Arms.

**NETHERLANDS** — A set of five semipostal stamps is to be released this summer. All of the stamps will show different and familiar flowers.

On the 2c plus 2c, blue hyacinths are pictured; 5c plus 3c feature marigolds in orange; daffodils are on the 6 plus 4c; anemones on the 10c plus 5c, and on the 20c plus 5c, the iris is pictured.

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Boys Town Christmas seals of 1949 and 1950, above; 1951 and 1952, below.

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Boys come from every state of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, Costa Rica and the Canal Zone. At the present time citizens of Boys Town represent 44 states, the District of Columbia, the Philippines, Costa Rica and the Canal Zone.

Upon the death of Father Flanagan in Berlin, Germany in 1948 while engaged in a War Department youth welfare mission, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner became director of Boys Town. Father Wegner is a worthy successor to Father Flanagan having been director of St. James orphanage in Omaha for 12 years and a very close friend of Father Flanagan. Father Wegner is a boy's man. In his youth he turned down two major league baseball contracts to study for the priesthood. As a boy he was very active in all sports.

Because Father Wegner is a Catholic priest, some people think only Catholic boys are accepted; actually, however, the number of Catholic and Protestant boys is about evenly divided. Facilities for worship are provided for all religions.

The first seal issued by Boys Town consisted of a die-cut, heart-shaped design picturing a boy with arms outstretched, with inscription, "The Shrine of the Homeless Boy" at top and "Boys Town, Nebr." at bottom. This was a reddish purple shade with white lettering. Date of issuance was around 1939 or possibly earlier and this seal was used for several years.

In 1949 seals were issued in sheets of 100, each seal measuring 18x24 mm. Design showed a boy carrying a younger boy on his back with a background of snow flakes. There were three different printings of this seal, which were dated. These different printings can be separated by the varying intensity of the snow flakes and also by slight variations in color. Two of these printings were perforated 12 1/2x12 1/2 and the other printing was perforated 12 1/2x12. Multicolored on white.

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**#K63 1944 sealed. Good mix.** \$3.95

**#K64 1945 sealed. Big pictorials.** \$5.25

**#K65 1946 sealed. Govt. clippings.** \$4.25

**#K66 Lots commems.** \$7.50

**#K67 1947 sealed. Nice kilo mix.** \$5.50

**#K68 1948 sealed. Expected soon.** \$6.50

Contents vary but all contain commemoratives and higher denominations.

## GERMAN KILOS

**#K70 WARTIME HITLERS, NICE CANCELS** \$5.25

**Post and prewar. Well asstd.** \$4.50

**#K72 GERMANY: Postwar East Zone Occ. 5000 per box.** \$7.00

**Fine.**

**#K75 NEW GERMAN KILO: Best yet with plenty of French zone and U. S. Occ. of Berlin** \$8.50

**Sealed Kilo.**

**#K79 HUNGARY: Prewar and war mixture. Closeout.** \$4.50

**#K80 HUNGARY: Large commems and Ails, High cat. post war mix. Pictorials.** \$8.95

**Fine.**

**#K81 JUGOSLAVIA: Prewar mix of old kingdom.** \$10.00

**#K82 JUGOSLAVIA: Tito issues.**

**High cat. Good swap material.** \$4.75

**#K83 JUGOSLAVIA: A better post war mix. Later issues** \$6.50

**#K84 JUGOSLAVIA: Recent arrival. Current and recent issues** \$10.00

**#K91 NETHERLANDS: Incl. some Col. Govt. sealed** \$8.50

**NETHERLANDS: Incl. high Vcl. Govt.** \$6.25

**#K97 NORWAY: Mission sealed.** \$3.95

**Many nice finds. Bargain.**

**#K98 NORWAY NEW 1953 Gov't kilo.** \$5.25

**PORUGAL MISSION: Good qual.** 6.00

**#K110 SPAIN: A cheaper mix. Sealed** \$2.95

**#K112 SPAIN: A better mix. Unpicked** \$4.50

**#K113 SWEDEN: NEW AR-RIVAL. Good cat.** \$9.50

**#K114 SWEDEN: High kroners in this one. Govt. sealed incl. higher val. Nice for price** \$10.95

## Special Offer In Unsealed Kilos (2 1/4 lbs.)

**AUSTRALIA: Good Mission Mix.** \$4.00

**BELGIUM: Well assort.** \$3.75

**#K127 CHINA: Old and recent Some Red.** \$10.00

**GT. BRITAIN: Cheap mission mix.** \$2.85

**IRELAND: A good mix. incl. comm.** \$3.95

**NETHERLANDS: Good var. old-new** \$2.50

**#K140 PORTUGAL: Useful mission mix** \$5.00

**SPAIN: Clean clippings. Asstd.** \$2.75

**SWITZERLAND: A very nice mix. Plenty of pictorials. Little paper** \$5.25

Send for our large mixture — collection catalog. Hundreds of unusual and rare mixtures on hand.

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**REGULAR MISSION MIXTURE:**  
Mainly Denmark, Norway, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Italy, Germany, Spain. (No U. S. or Canada). Well assorted. About 3,500. per lb — 3 lbs — \$4.50

**FATHER JOHN'S FINDINGS:**  
Gathered by New England Mission. Many countries old and new. Lots of Pictorials. About 3,500. \$2.50 per lb. 3 lbs. — \$6.

**ST. CATHERINE'S MISSION MIXTURE:**  
A fine world mixture from an Italian Mission. Small paper. Lots per lb. Many finds. About 4,000. \$4.00 per lb. 3 lbs. — \$10.00

**HIGH CATALOGUE MIXTURE:**  
Many tough countries included in this mixture. Mainly bank, kilo and import house sources. Cat. \$80—100. \$6.00 per lb.

**25 LB. LOTS OF U. S. MIXTURE**

A cheap mission mixture useful for the packet maker, variety hunter, etc. Has the usual issues, incl. commems, ails, higher denominations and some foreign. Shipped directly from our mid-west mixture source.

**SPECIAL LOW PRICE**

\$12.50

(Shipping charges extra from INDIANA)

"Always a lot for a little"  
GUARANTEED UNPICKED

**WALL STREET BANK AND IMPORTERS MIXTURE:**

Delicious material, much of it from tough countries. Will include Israel, Vatican, Siam, Nejd, Turkey, Greece, Philippines, Indonesia, Ceylon, Colombia, Bolivia and many other countries. Mainly current and new issues. 16.00 per lb.

**APPROVAL DEALERS SPECIAL:**

World Mix. Many large type stamps. Higher cat. Blocks, higher denom. \$11.00 per lb.

## SENSATIONAL NEW ARRIVAL!

The new 1953 Postwar POLAND GOVERNMENT SEALED KILO has just arrived from our European buyer. (This is not to be confused with the cheaper mission kilo). Loaded with hundreds of better commemoratives and semi-postals. About 7,000 stamps will cat. \$200.00. WHILE THE SMALL SUPPLY LASTS. NO FUTURE STOCKS CAN BE HAD. (Sells for \$14-16 in Europe)

**#K156 POLAND KILO 1953 sealed..... \$12.50**

**#K152 POLAND 1/2 kilo as above..... 7.00**

**#K150 POLAND KILO 1950-1952..... 10.25**

**#K148 POLAND KILO 1947-1951..... 12.25**

**#K117 POLAND Mission Kilo..... 8.95**

## SPECIAL KILO MIXTURE FROM BROKEN KILOS

#K185 WEST EUROPE. Neth., Belg. Swiss, Spain, Port., France, Italy, W. Germ. \$5.00

#K187 EAST EUROPE E. Germ., Hung., Jug., Bulgaria, Poland, etc. \$5.50

#K189 SCANDINAVIA. Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland \$5.00

#K190 WORLD KILO MIX. Well assorted \$5.00

#K185 UNPICKED, pre-1921 ISSUES. High cat. with thousands of stamps per 2 1/4 lbs. \$20.00

## NEW MIXTURES TO OUR STOCK

POUND PARCELS

As gathered especially for us by missions and health associations throughout the world. Excellent for the specialist. Fine for variety, shade, type collector. Nice for cancels, etc.

## NEW AND RECENT ARRIVALS

#547 COSTA RICA. Ails. Pict. etc. \$19.00

#327 BRAZIL. Good mission mixture. \$2.75

#582 EAST EUROPE. Communist regimes. \$5.50

#584 ECUADOR. Gov't clippings. \$9.20

#623 GUATEMALA. Cleam clippings. \$8.75

#625 IRAQ. Best seller. Lots per lb. (Very small stock on hand) \$12.50

#627 IRELAND. Best mission. Plenty of commems in this mix. \$2.50

#630 INDIA. Mission mix. Late Georges and other gatherings. Good mix. \$5.25

#K585 INDIA. Mission 1/2 Kilo. (St. Agatha) \$10.25

#632 IRAN (PERSIA). First time offered Shipments enroute from this scarce country. Nice clippings. \$8.50

#720 MEXICO. Excellent mix. incl. ails. \$3.50

#624 HUNGARY. Postwar pictorials. \$4.25

#631 OLD ITALY. Small accumulation of older and prewar material. \$4.50

#691 OLD NETHERLANDS. Old Wilhelmines and numerals types for specialist. \$5.00

#K590 AUSTRALIA. 10 lb. Sack. Last of the Georges. \$20.00

## JOB LOTS — ACCUMULATIONS — DEALERS STOCKS

### U. S. LOTS

#A52 U. S. CHRISTMAS SEALS: 100 full mint sheets (10,000 stamps) from 1931-45. 15-16 years as sorted \$6.75

**SPECIAL CLEARANCE 5-7 years**

100 sheets \$5.00

#A53 U. S. FLAGS: getting scarcer by the day. 100 used F-VF assorted \$3.85

100 used Average Asstd. \$2.85

#A54 U. S. PLATE BLOCKS: Clearance of dealer's stock, 20 diff. \$3.80

1936-53

#A55 U. S. USED BLOCKS: Well mixed incl. commems, ails, reg. \$4.50

100 for

#A56 U. S. SECONDS: Not up to our reg. standard, thins, flaws, etc.

Only better stamps. \$13.00

\$100 cat.

#A57 U. S. STOCK TRANSFERS: 10,000 for \$12.00

#A58 U. S. CHRISTMAS SEALS: 1920-36.

Mixed dates assorted. \$2.50

1000 only

#A59 U. S. FLAG BLOCKS: #909-21 cpl. Very fine used sets only, each \$3.50

#A60 U. S. STOCK TRANSFERS: 50 assorted used. \$1.00

#A61 U. S. POSTAL STAMPS: 50 assd. 1930-45. \$1.00

#A62 U. S. POSTAL STAMPS: 50 assd. 1930-45. \$1.00

#A63 U. S. PRECANCEL: Lot of about 3000 collected by a European dealer. Practically no cheap N.Y. or Chicago.

#A179 U. S. COMMEMORATIVES ONLY

125 var. \$1.00

#A180 U. S. FIRST DAY COVERS CLEARANCE: 25 diff. early to recent. \$3.00

Good val.

#A181 U. S. 5,000 mixed off paper. Well assorted with plenty of commems, ails, spec. del. Good stock only \$7.50

#A182 U. S. COLLECTION 500 VAR. HIGH CAT. \$9.50

### BRITISH LOTS

#A81 BRITISH CROWN COLONIES: No dominions. Mostly pictorials from smaller colonies. Will cat. over \$12.00